

**441—177.9(249) Written agreements.**

**177.9(1) *Independent contractor.*** The provider shall be an independent contractor and shall in no sense be an agent, employee or servant of the state of Iowa, the Iowa department of human services, any of its employees, or of its clients.

**177.9(2) *Liability coverage.*** All professional health care providers shall have adequate liability coverage consistent with their responsibilities, as the department of human services assumes no responsibility for, or liability for, individuals providing care.

**177.9(3) *Provider agreement.*** The client and the provider shall enter into an agreement, using the provider agreement form, prior to the provision of service. Any reduction to the state supplemental assistance program shall be applied to the maximum amount paid by the department of human services as stated in the provider agreement by using the separate amendment to provider agreement form.

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